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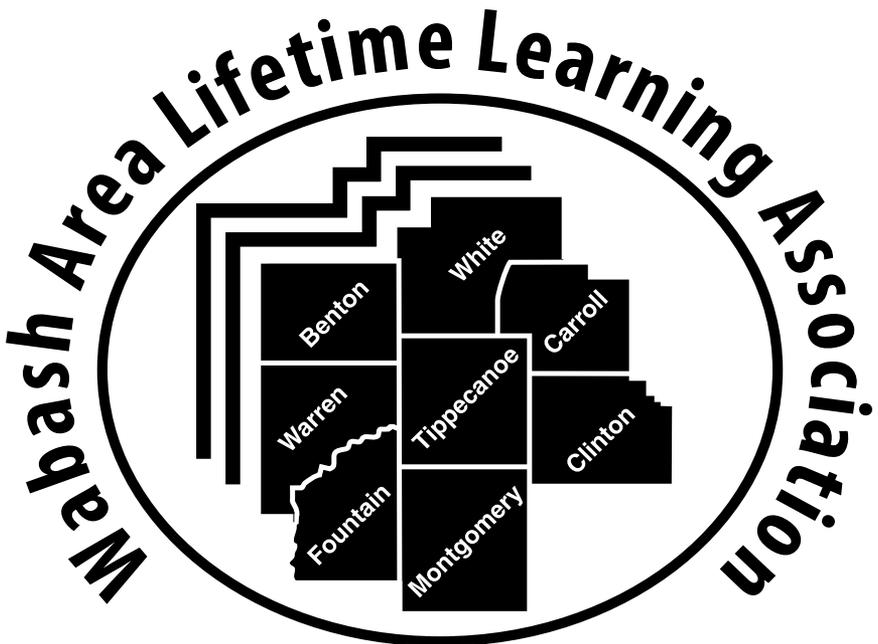


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Annual Meeting Agenda

The Trails • April 24, 2015

Welcome..... Vince Green, President

Invocation Pastor Tim Burchill

Trails Luncheon Buffet

Introduction of Entertainment Dennis Sorge

Lafayette Jefferson High School's First Edition

Business Meeting

In Memoriam..... Kathleen Connolly

Approval of April 25, 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes Vince Green

Recognitions

Recognition of Special Guests

Recognition of Current Board Members

Recognition of Current Chair Persons and Committees

Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Committee Reports..... Vince Green

Board Development Committee Report Jim Moore, Chair

Election of New Board Members..... Vince Green

Officer Nominating Report Joe Krause, Chair

Old/New Business Vince Green

Announcement of Mary Fuqua Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award

Closing Remarks

Photographer: Jacques Delleur

The First Edition from Lafayette Jefferson High School

Directed by Verda Slinkard and assistant director John Satterfield



The First Edition from Lafayette Jefferson High School is celebrating its 30th season as one of the finest show choirs in the Midwest. In the past twenty-nine years this select group of young singer/dancers, instrumentalists, and technicians has been recognized on five occasions by the Indiana General Assembly for outstanding achievements in musical performance and community contributions. The First Edition is made up of 46 singer/dancers.

Annual Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2014

President Vince Green welcomed members and guests. He introduced Etta Lazaros who presented the invocation, after which all enjoyed The Trails' buffet luncheon.

After the luncheon, President Green introduced guest speaker, Bess Witcosky, Director, Morton Community Center. She spoke on "Transforming Lives – One Step at a Time: A Journey with Dancing Classrooms Philly." Dancing Classrooms is a non-profit organization that teaches life lessons through ballroom dance to 5th graders in the Philadelphia area. She was the Artistic and Education Director of this organization before becoming director of Morton Community Center.

Business Meeting:

President Green introduced Barbara Krause, who, in the absence of Kathleen Connolly, board secretary, asked for a moment of silence to remember those who had passed away since the last Annual Meeting. Memorialized were Jack Albright, Joyce Bentley, Joseph Haberer, Nina Hart, Margery Ismail, Marjorie Morris, Joe Schleiter, and James Sovern.

Vince asked for approval of the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes as printed in the booklet. The motion was made, seconded and passed by voice vote.

Vince introduced special guests Mary Sadowski, Purdue University; Pennie Ainsworth, West Lafayette Parks & Recreation; Erica Brown, West Lafayette Public Library (not present); Mary Ann Gaidos, Morton Center (not present); and Mary Gardner, "a WALLA founder," Purdue Coordinator.

President Green asked current board members and committee chairs to stand and be recognized. He recognized former mayor Sonya Margerum and thanked her for helping keep Morton Center in the city 21 years ago. He announced 5 board retirees: Virginia Carter, Russ Clark, Barbara Krause, Tom Schott, and Judith Wright who have served two consecutive terms on the board. He recognized outgoing newsletter editor, Marilyn Green, for her eight years of service. That position will be filled by Nancy Hartman.

Vince noted that committee reports are printed in the program booklet and urged all to read them, pointing out the responsibilities of each committee and urging members to serve where their interests lie.

He introduced Dorothy Jones and Tom Schott, co-chairs of the Relocation Task Force. Dorothy listed the members of that committee and described its duty to locate a place

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for WALLA classes, office and storage space during the time of Morton's renovation. Fifty-five venues were investigated and the decision was made to negotiate a one-year agreement to begin in fall of 2014 at St. Andrew Methodist Church, where there is enough space for our classes, parking, and handicap access. Storage and office space will continue in Morton Center for now. Dorothy and Tom thanked the committee for their hard work, as did Vince.

Jim Moore, chair of Board Development, announced nominees for a first term on the board: Leslie Brost, Marshall Deutelbaum, Patrick Egan, Nancy Hartman, and Howard Magadan. Ann Skadberg and Linda Taulman were nominated for 2nd terms. Joe Krause moved acceptance of this slate and DeLores Delleur seconded the motion. It passed by voice vote.

Joe Krause, chair of Officer Nominating, stated that officers will be elected at the next board meeting. The board will work on merging the board development and officer nominating committees.

Old/New Business:

Gifts were presented to retiring board members.

Vince presented the "Mary Fuqua Volunteer of the Year" award to Dixie Frye for her many years of quiet service to WALLA.

Vince urged all present to view the special scrapbook made by Etta Lazaros that describes the past year of WALLA.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15

Submitted by Barbara Krause, acting for Kathleen Connolly, board secretary

The Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) was charged with making suggestions concerning WALLA's structure and function in five to ten years. To do so the committee obtained input from many sources. Based upon the inputs received the committee made, the following recommendations. Implementation and modifications, indicated with ✓ began in late 2014 . Items marked with ➤ are yet to be implemented.

A. Facilities, Utilities and Equipment

- ✓ Document current facility, equipment and utility needs.
- Project future requirements based upon direction of WALLA and potential external influences.
- ✓ Maintain appropriate legal documents with facility provider.
- ✓ Review current equipment and establish a plan to keep WALLA's resources up to date so we administer efficiently and present programs effectively.
- ✓ Begin a transition to increased technology usage. Prepare for the transition from printed documents to electronic.
- ✓ Encourage expansion and change the name and responsibilities of AV committee to Technology committee. [Convened a technology committee]

B. Finances

- Review financial needs based upon ongoing experience and trend data.
- The Board must annually review the effectiveness of how money is spent.
- ✓ Continue to budget for, and spend money on proper equipment.
- The Board must recognize that increased funds will be necessary for location, equipment, administration and operation.
- Board should evaluate future needs based on future enrollment growth.

C. Classes

- The Board should encourage the Curriculum committee to be open to review class structure.

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- ✓ The Curriculum committee should provide guidance to presenters.
- D. Publicity and Outreach
- The Board must review all options (media and personal contact) for increasing awareness of WALLA and its programs throughout its service area.
- E. Staff
- ✓ Establish procedures for filling the position of the Purdue Liaison/ Executive Assistant.

Committee members:

Mario Antonetti	Gail Beck	Leslie Brost	Russell Clark
Mary Gardner	Nancy Hart	Russ Noble	Mary Quinn
Dennis Sorge	Al Williams		

Office Advisory Committee

The WALLA office was open from 10 am until 1 pm on the weekdays that Morton Center was open. Approximately thirty members volunteered time and service to welcome visitors, respond to phone calls and e-mails, maintain office cleanliness, and assist with mailings and other office tasks. Additional volunteers are always welcomed and needed. If you would like to become an Office Volunteer, please contact Dixie Frye (474-2565) or Charlene Watson (474-9101).

An Office Advisory Committee, co-chaired by Dixie Frye and Charlene Watson, directed operations of the office. During the two months of Charlene's absence, Etta Lazaros continued the operation of the Office Volunteers, never missing a beat. Jim Moore maintained the office computer. Other members of the Advisory Committee included Virginia Carter, Gloria Huffman, Barbara Krause, Etta Lazaros, and Jo Sullivan.

Gloria Huffman, an Office Volunteer, continued the ministry of sending Get Well cards and Sympathy cards to our WALLA friends who need a bit of cheer and to improve our ability to "take care" of each other. This support was very well received. Please communicate to Gloria (497-2052) if you are aware of a need within the WALLA family.

The WALLA Office also functioned as an exhibition gallery for collections and art under the supervision of Virginia Carter. WALLA members and guests enjoyed viewing the art, crafts, and collections graciously shared by fellow members. Do you have something you would like to share with us? If so, please contact Virginia at 474-2042.

Respectfully submitted, Dixie Frye and Charlene Watson

2014-2015 Walla Officers, Board Members, Nominees

President, Vince Green
 VicePresident, Dennis Sorge
 Secretary, Kathleen Connolly
 Treasurer, Gail Beck
 PastPresident, Russ Clark

3 Year Term expiring 2015

Kathleen Connolly %
 Sallie Cooke 2nd #
 Russ Noble 2nd #
 Charlene Watson 2nd #
 Dorothy Jones 1st
 Dennis Sorge 1st

3 Year Term expiring 2016

Mary Quinn &
 Vince Green 1st
 Alan Williams 1st
 Peggy Housley 1st
 Gail Beck 2nd
 Etta Lazaros 2nd U
 Robert Slagel 2nd
 Jo Ellen Cox @

3 Year Term Expiring 2017

Ann Skadberg 2nd
 Linda Taulman 2nd
 Leslie Brost 1st
 Marshall Deutelbaum 1st
 Patrick Egan 1st
 Nancy Hartman 1st
 Howard Magadan 1st

Nominees 3 Year Term expiring 2018

Kathleen Connolly 1st
 Dorothy Jones 2nd
 Dennis Sorge 2nd
 Dwayne Daehler 1st
 Mary Jo Pflum 1st
 SuzAnn Schott 1st

Notes: "2nd" Second Consecutive 3 Year Term
 "#" Statutory Retirement after 2nd consecutive 3 Year Term
 "%" Completing 2nd Term of Ed Connolly
 "&" Completing 1st Term of NancyHart
 "U" Unable to complete 3 Year Term (resigned)
 "@ " Completing 2nd Term of Etta Lazaros

Ex-officio

Mary Gardner	Purdue Liaison and WALLA Coordinator
Pennie Ainsworth	West Lafayette Parks and Recreation
Bess Witcosky	Morton Community Center Director and Scheduler
Elizabeth Cuddy	West Lafayette Public Library/WALLA Films and Friends series

Submitted: James B. Moore, Chairman Board Development Committee

Committee Chairs 2014-2015

The Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association would not be an effective organization without the contribution of its committees. The WALLA officers sincerely appreciate the time and effort contributed by the dedicated members of the committees and the committee chair/co-chairpersons.

COMMITTEE	CHAIR and CO-CHAIR PERSONS
Audio Visual	Joe Krause/Howard Magadanz
Audit	Tom Schott
Board Development	Jim Moore
Curriculum	Al Williams/Robert Slagel
Finance/Budget	Gail Beck
Newsletter	Nancy Hartman
Office Advisory	Dixie Fry/Charlene Watson
Officer Nominating	Joe Krause
Programming	Joe Krause
Special Events	Peggy Housley/Jo Ellen Cox
Webmaster	Nancy Hartman

Officer Nominating Committee

The Officer Nominating Committee met in December 2014 to discuss names of participants for the position of Vice-President (President-elect).

Seven names were given serious consideration. The Officer Nominating Committee settled upon Board Member Alan Williams who has consented to have his name put into nomination at the April 2015 meeting of the WALLA Board of Directors.

Previously Chairperson Joe Krause received permission from Secretary Kathleen Connolly and Treasurer Gail Beck to have their names submitted to the Board at the April meeting as well.

The Officer Nominating Committee consists of all former WALLA Presidents who are still relatively active. These included: Gail Beck, Lyn Doyle, Joe Krause, Jack Delleur, Ron Rolley, Russ Clark, Nancy Hart, Vince Green. In addition, incoming President Dennis Sorge, and Purdue Liaison Mary Gardner participated.

President's Annual Report

A new year, a new place! One concern that I had when we changed location for classes was that we would lose many of the faithful participants. It has been said that a change of any type leads to this type of loss. As it turned out, the fall semester's attendance was the highest in history. This confirms the strength of our programs as well as our participants' interest in continuing to learn new things.

This last year has flown by very quickly. With the help and guidance of many on the Board of Directors, we have had another successful year. Additionally, there is great leadership on each of committees which made my task easier. The ex-officio members from Purdue University, the West Lafayette Public Library, the WL Parks and Recreation Department and its subsidiary, Morton Community Center, and St Andrew United Methodist Church all contributed in making this last year a success.

Last year's annual report mentioned that we would be finding a new venue for holding classes. That move has now taken place. We held fall and spring classes at St Andrew United Methodist Church. Feedback that we received from WALLA participants and the church staff was very positive. We are working closely with the church to make things even better in the future. This led the Board to secure an agreement whereby we expect to hold classes there for at least the next four years.

While we are assured class space for at least four more years, the quest for a more permanent home exists. Alternatives are continuing to be explored.

The move that was made from the Morton Community Center to St. Andrew didn't happen by the wave of a wand. We were all very impressed by how many people went that extra mile to make sure the move went smoothly. The move incorporated many meetings, lots of input from Board members, several trips to "measure the curtains" and countless other opportunities to volunteer both before and during the classes. A big THANK YOU goes out to each of you who helped make this move successful.

I would like to direct your attention to the committee and other reports that are included. It is through these reports that you will obtain a view of the many activities that occurred in the last twelve months. The reports may provide incentive to take advantage of activities you missed this last year, or even encourage you to become part of a committee to plan upcoming events. You may want to keep this report handy over the upcoming year. It has a lot of valuable information, including Board Members, Officers, and Committee Chairs with contact information.

You are encouraged to continue to participate in as many WALLA events as you can and that interests you. Not only might you experience some new places and knowledge, but you may also discover some new friends along the way. Activities are planned throughout the year. Make sure you continue to read your newsletter to keep up to date.

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Below you will see some of the specific individuals who led to this last year's success:

Purdue Liaison

Mary Gardner has been an invaluable resource for WALLA since the beginning. She is most visible during classes. With Mary's connection at Purdue, she also helps to provide many resources that might not otherwise be available to WALLA. Beyond the classes, Mary spends untold hours involved in many of the other functions of WALLA. This past year has presented new challenges for Mary as she had to schedule classes in a completely new environment.

WL Public Library

With Nick Schenkel, Erica Brown, and others, we have continued to have a very strong relationship at the WLPL. Due to our association with the Library, we have been able to hold several classes in their facility, including films throughout the year. Their parking garage is open during WALLA events where we are permitted to park for free. Since Erica has been in charge of the Film and Friends, we have been provided a great variety of films; the attendance continues to grow. Thank you again for being an important part of who WALLA is.

WL Parks & Recreation-Morton

Although our time spent at the Morton Center has decreased significantly, Pennie Ainsworth, Asst. Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Bess Witcosky, Morton Community Center Director, and Marianne Gaio, Administrative Assistant, have worked together to assure that our use of the Morton Center office went smoothly as well as our spring 2014 classes this past year. Thank you all for being part of the WALLA family.

St Andrew United Methodist Church

In the fall of 2014 we began holding classes at St. Andrew. Pastors Tim Burchill and Pat Sleeth, along with Donna Biehl and the entire staff were very welcoming and accommodating. The church staff went out of their way with little extras that made the WALLA participants very comfortable. A special thanks to Juan Valdez, the custodian, who worked closely with us to assure we had the rooms set up the way we needed for classes and luncheons.

The year ahead will be full of challenges that I am confident we will successfully handle appropriately. It is also filled with exciting programs, both here and on the road and in which I am sure you will want to participate.

Respectfully submitted Vince Green, President

Curriculum Committee

During the fiscal year ending 2015 the Curriculum Committee was co-chaired by Jacques Delleur, Bob Slagel and Al Williams. Jacques has been a chair of the Curriculum Committee for many years and due to health reasons was replaced by Al Williams mid-year. Jacques is still a very active member of the committee and we continue to depend on his help and guidance.

The Curriculum Committee bears the responsibility of developing the spring and fall class sessions, including the luncheon speakers and trips associated with some of the classes. New members are welcomed and indeed needed to offer class suggestions and to develop new courses.

The Curriculum Committee held its FOCUS GROUPS meetings in September 2014 and in February 2015 to entertain course suggestions for the spring and the fall 2015 sessions. Twenty eight people attended the September focus meeting and 17 attended the February meeting. The Focus Groups meetings are the principal sources of ideas for future classes. Other sources include the suggestions from members and class evaluation slips. The Focus Group meetings are open to all WALLA participants. Summaries of the suggestions made at the Focus Groups meetings were prepared by Jacques Delleur and distributed to Curriculum Committee.

The Curriculum Committee met on April 29, 2014 to develop class offerings for the fall 2014 session and on Nov 18, 2014 to build a spring 2015 class schedule. Coordinator meetings are held about a week before each class session. At these meetings Mary Gardner informs the coordinators of the respective approximate enrollments and room assignments and speaker's gifts (Panera and Starbucks gift cards, or memory sticks) are distributed. Fall classes were held from October 20 to November 13, 2014. Seventeen full length classes and 8 mini-courses were offered in the fall session. Spring 2015 classes were held from March 23 to April 16 and 18 full length courses were offered. WALLA is very fortunate to have had presenters for the sessions that offer a variety of very interesting courses for a wide range of interests.

In the past WALLA classes have always been held at Morton Center in West Lafayette. This year the city needed the space in Morton and it was necessary to relocate the classes. Beginning in the fall of 2014, classes were held at St Andrew United Methodist Church (SAM) on north Salisbury Street. The move to SAM was traumatic and required the efforts and cooperation of many of the WALLA members but especially the officers and the Relocation Task Force. In the end we found the new facility matched our needs well with pleasant class rooms, adequate parking and other amenities.

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The Curriculum Committee plans to meet in April 2015 to develop the course program for the fall 2015. These class sessions will be held at St Andrew United Methodist church. Course information must be turned in to Mary Gardner by May 2015.

The Curriculum Committee wishes to express its gratitude to Mary Gardner for her outstanding role in finalizing the course programs and presenting us with crafted brochures that fully describe the curriculum.

Newsletter, Website and Publicity Committee

Six bi-monthly newsletter issues were published this fiscal year. Nancy Hartman took over the newsletter editing and committee chair position in addition to her web mastering duties. Many board members and committee chairs contributed articles to keep us informed about what is happening in WALLA. A warm thank you goes to our picky proof readers; Barbara & Joe Krause, Etta Lazaros, Vince & Marilyn Green, Leslie Brost, Peggy Housley, and Tom Schott. Because of their efforts, few mistakes made it into the final copy.

Approximately 600 copies of each issue are printed and now addressed thanks to the efforts of Rich Abrahamson and the CopyMat Shop. The February issue was the first one to be available in an email version for subscribers. We are up to 30 subscribers for the e-newsletter.

The website continues to be updated on a regular basis. Nancy extensively updated the website and migrated the website to a dedicated hosting account in December. Etta Lazaros checks for mistakes and missing information. Joe Krause keeps the calendar up to date and now has the training to create and edit articles for the website. We hope you like the changes to the website.

As part of WALLA publicity, Nancy helped create flyers for various events including Dwayne Daehler's Photo Journal presentation, the Summer Trip and the Annual Meeting.

We could use some new blood on the committee if you are interested in writing, want to learn about the website, or help create flyers.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hartman, Chairperson

Programming Committee

In 2014-2015 the Programming Committee provided WALLA participants with monthly films, occasional trips, and participation in One Great Read events.

The 2014 Summer Film Series offered jointly with the Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library centered around five films on Education and Great Teaching. Elizabeth Cuddy organized the series with the advice of the committee, WALLA participants, and the general public.

On May 8 over sixty persons in two Purdue motor coaches toured Benton County under the direction of Mary Gardner with the assistance of Mary Jo Pflum. We began with a visit to Dan Patch's barn, then viewed an informative program about the wind turbines of Benton County. A fantastic country luncheon served at Fowler Methodist Church and a visit to the restored Fowler Theatre was followed by an intriguing visit to the Earl Park Shrimp Farm. Many took shrimp home for later consumption.

June 17-18-19 "Transportation in the Midwest" was conceived originally by Linda Taulman (Blissfield Dinner Train, Henry Ford Museum, Detroit River cruise) further developed and conducted by Nancy and Carl Hartman (Hoosier Air Museum, Auburn Car Museum, Toledo Glass Museum, and Wabash and Erie Canal). This busy and educational trip had many highlights covered in a WALLA newsletter. The committee also decided to include a first aid kit on all future WALLA trips.

An August 8 trip to the Field Museum in Chicago fizzled because of lack of sign-ups but another on July 24 to the "Johnny Cash-Ring of Fire" performance at the Covington Beef House was well-subscribed.

By late summer, West Lafayette librarian Erica Brown supplied the committee with the films she had selected for September through December 2014. Also Sallie Cooke announced the *One Great Read* selection and associated events. Joe Krause helped prepare a tentative calendar for the WALLA newsletter based on available information.

Mary Gardner arranged with Mike Watts of the Indiana Council for Economic Education for a superb presentation entitled "Using Art to Teach Economics" on September 21. Those who attended were highly impressed with dedication of Professor Watts, who unfortunately died unexpectedly several months later. His program, however, needs to be revisited by many, including WALLA participants.

On October 22 nearly fifty persons, many from WALLA, experienced a lecture entitled "Imagining the Future: Literature Inspires Real Science" by Professor Jenna Rickus. She spoke about recent scientific research as related partially to "A Wrinkle in Time" (the

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2014 One Great Read selection) by Madeleine L'Engle. Sallie Cooke served as the key liaison person with Professor Rickus, the West Lafayette Library, and the One Great Read Committee.

Ann Skadberg worked tirelessly to plan and conduct an exquisite Yuletide Celebration beginning with the Indianapolis Symphony at the historic Circle Theater, followed by dinner at The Iron Skillet, and topped off with a challenging trip through the Frankfort Community Christmas Lights displays. Kathleen Connolly assisted Ann where needed.

January the Programming Committee offered back-to-back local events. On Saturday January 17, WALLA participants lunched at Puccini's and then basked in the glory of the live-telecast of the MET's performance of "The Merry Widow" shown at Wabash Landing. This is an event that is sure to grow in popularity with many WALLA participants. The next day— Sunday, January 18— WALLA joined the general public in celebrating Thomas Duncan's birthday at Duncan Hall. Dwayne Daehler's fine photography depicting sights of Scotland once again enlightened all viewers. (Gail Beck, Peggy Housley, Ann Skadberg and other committee members made this a unique birthday celebration for Thomas Duncan, who was present in spirit.)

The Grand Finale for the 2014-2015 Programming year was the February 18-19-20 WALLA Winter Getaway at McCormick's Creek State Park . This hugely popular event featured two motor coaches full of nearly ninety WALLA participants and three well-selected films around the theme—"Great Actors as Bad Guys". Gail Beck planned this Getaway and had the help of the WALLA A-V team (Dorothy Jones and Joe Krause), Dennis Sorge, Mary Jo Pflum, and Ellen Dran. Mary Gardner proved once again her indispensability in the unfortunate absence of Gail Beck. The McCormick's Creek State Park staff was once again friendly, helpful, and efficient.

Upcoming events include a May 6 trip to Hillsboro Dinner Theater, the June three-day trip to "Northwest Indiana: the Third Coast", a summer film series with the theme of "The Great Outdoors" and soon-to-be-released information about the 2015 One Great Read selection.

Committee members include: Joe Krause, Gail Beck, Erica Brown (WLPL), Russ Clark, Sallie Cooke, Elizabeth Cuddy (WLPL), Jack Delleur, Lyn Doyle. Mary Gardner, Nancy Hartman, Peggy Housely, Jim Moore, Mary Jo Pflum, Pamela Patterson, Tom Schott, Ann Skadberg, and Linda Taulman. (ex-officio Dennis Sorge and Vince Green)

Submitted by Joe Krause, (Chairperson)

Board Development Committee

In February 2015, Etta Lazaros found it necessary, for personal reasons, to resign from her board position and committee responsibilities. Etta was in her second term which would expire at end of FY 2016. Her resignation was accepted and the WALLA Executive Committee, in consultation with the Board Development Committee, nominated and approved Jo Ellen Cox to complete Etta's second term on the board. Jo Ellen will be nominated to commence her own first term on the board, on her completion of Etta's second term.

Dorothy Jones and Dennis Sorge will complete their first terms on the board at end of FY 2015 and have agreed to take second terms commencing in FY 2016, if elected. Kathleen Connolly will complete Ed Connolly's term at end of FY 2015 and will commence her own first term in FY 2016, if elected. Sallie Cooke, Russ Noble, and Charlene Watson complete their second terms at end of FY 2015 and they are statutorily ineligible to take another term at this time.

The committee is pleased that Dwayne Daehler, Mary Jo Pflum, and SuzAnn Schott have agreed to be first term board candidates to fill the board vacancies commencing in FY 2016, if elected.

Accordingly, the Board Development Committee nominates the following candidates to serve three-year terms commencing in FY 2016 and expiring in at the end of FY 2018:

Kathleen Connolly 1st term

Dwayne Daehler 1st term

Dorothy Jones 2nd term

Mary Jo Pflum 1st term

SuzAnn Schott 1st term

Dennis Sorge 2nd term

Submitted by: James Moore, Chairperson, Gail Beck, Joe Krause, Tom Schott

Audit Report - Fiscal Year

The Audit Committee of the Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, Inc. reviewed the financial records of the organization on April 1, 2015. We believe the books are in good order, properly handled to accurately show income and expense in a manner which is consistent with acceptable accounting methods. The organization's financial position has been presented accurately by the treasurer, Gail Beck and the assistant treasurer Mary Quinn and they have executed their duties responsibly and commendably.

Submitted by: Tom Schott, Chair, Leslie Brost, Member, Jim Moore, Member

Financial Report as of March 31, 2015

Lafayette Bank and Trust Checking Account Balance	\$11,076.39
Lafayette Bank and Trust Certificate of Deposit	5,314.69
Property	6,758.83
Balance	\$23,149.91

Audio-Visual Support Committee

The Audio Visual Committee faced a challenging year with the shift to St. Andrew United Methodist Church. Chairperson Etta Lazaros guided the committee through the Fall Classes in 2014 with the assistance of Russ Clark, Nancy and Carl Hartman, Joe Krause, Howard Magadanz, and Russ Noble. Retired chairperson Dick Hayden offered some back-up advice particularly concerning sound systems.

After several reconnaissance visits by various AV Committee members, a plan of operation at St. Andrew Church was developed. First, two large wooden boxes were built by Russ Clark to raise TV monitors above head-level in two classrooms. The committee located and utilized storage areas for WALLA's sound and projection equipment. Room 137, "the CrossRoads Room" offered several challenges: (a) the screen is offset from the center of the room (b) the staging area is limited and causes movement problems for speakers (c) the room itself is often near capacity and makes easy movement by presenters and participants alike awkward.

On the other hand, connections for PowerPoint and DVD presentations in the smaller classrooms were much simpler than at Morton with projectors and laptops on carts with accompanying sound systems. Also almost all speakers in rooms 156-7-8 did not need separate sound systems. But PowerPoint and DVD programs shown on TV monitors are considerably smaller and less dramatic than those projected on large screens.

Recently Etta Lazaros resigned from the committee necessitating an interim role for Joe Krause, Nancy and Carl Hartman. Board members Howard Magadanz and Dorothy Jones stepped forward to strengthen the AV team. They were soon joined by WALLA participant Mark Levinthal and his daughter Sarita. All have been extensively trained in using projection and sound equipment. In addition Magadanz and Jones have taken very useful steps in organizing equipment and supplies as well as systematizing all AV procedures. They have devoted many hours to getting classes ready for Spring 2015.

Joe Krause and Howard Magadanz worked somewhat independently to develop AV Equipment placement for the Spring classes. Presenters can be a big help by supplying clear and specific requests for equipment and doing so in a timely manner. Participants can help by showing some patience and also allowing AV team members to get on with their work without interference or uninformed suggestions. Willing Volunteers are always welcomed. They will be trained, utilized, and appreciated.

Submitted by Joe Krause, Interim Co-Chairperson AV Team

Special Events

The Special Events Committee has several diverse responsibilities throughout the year. We set up and take down the free hot beverages each day the WALLA classes are in session. The first two days of classes in the fall and in the spring, the committee provides bagels and cream spreads. We also arrange for the catering of box lunches for the speaker luncheons, two in the fall and two in the spring. We facilitate the two social programs for the distribution of class brochures.

On August 21, the Special Events Committee provided a picnic for WALLA members and guests in co-operation with the Curriculum Committee. The picnic was held in the Social Hall of St. Lawrence Church in Lafayette. We enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by D & R and Great Harvest Bread. The Curriculum Committee distributed brochures for the fall courses and introduced the coordinators. They in turn described their classes.

One hundred thirty people attended the first Speaker Luncheon on Tuesday, October 28. As we enjoyed box lunches from Jane's Gourmet Deli, Bill Kissinger, vocalist and "One Man Band," entertained us. On Wednesday, November 5, local author, Angie Klink, talked about her book, *The Deans' Bible: Five Women and Their Quest for Equality*. One hundred twenty-four people attended, and Jane's Gourmet Deli catered.

On February 12, 2015 the committee provided the pizza party for WALLA members and guests. This was held at the Burtsfield Gymnasium in West Lafayette. Catered for the thirteenth year by Arni's Pizza, we enjoyed our lunch of pizza and Arni's junior salads. The Curriculum Committee invited the coordinators of the spring courses to give brief insight into their classes. Brochures were passed out to all who attended.

The first Spring Speaker Luncheon of 2015 was held on Tuesday, March 31. We were entertained by Smiles Unlimited. On Wednesday, April 8, our guest speaker was Al Knight, photographic journalist. He presented Visual Comparisons Fifty Years Later: Vietnam and Cambodia. Jane's Gourmet Deli catered both events.

Submitted by Peggy Housley and Jo Ellen Cox Committee members: Leslie Brost, Jim Carter, Virginia Carter, Kathleen Connolly, Sallie Cooke, Delores Delleur, Polly Egan, Dixie Frye, Phyllis Gobreski, Jocelyn Grutzner, Inge Maresch, Jean McCoy, SuzAnn Schott, Ann Skadberg, Barb Soodek, Jo Sullivan, Cicely Ward, Judy Wright

Technology Committee

The new technology committee was formed at vice-president Dennis Sorge's request. Nancy Hartman agreed to chair the ad-hoc committee. Our charge: "Over the next three years investigate and start implementation of technology applications that enhance WALLA's mission and make for a more efficient operation. Areas of concentration should be communication, class and activity enrollments, finance, and database structure and use."

The committee first met in December 2014 and they plan on meeting bi-monthly. In their initial meeting they started reviewing our current technology. It was recommended to migrate the website to a dedicated hosting account for long-term continuity (in case Nancy has a heart attack). They also talked about moving the office phone from Frontier. That entailed getting a new email address as the frontier email address would no longer work. This is why WALLA has a new email address of office@wallaonline.org. During our second meeting we discussed the new office phone service and how we could have phone service at St. Andrew during classes. It was decided to purchase a pay-as-you-go cell phone and forward calls to it during classes.

Thanks to Leslie Brost, Howard Magadanz, Al Williams, Jim Moore, Joe Krause, Russ Noble, Jeff Jarboe and Patrick Egan for representing their committees and serving on this committee.

We can always use more people on the technology committee if you are interested in the technology.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hartman, Chairperson

Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, Inc.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, Inc. (WALLA) is to offer intellectual, cultural, and social opportunities for individuals 50 years of age and older.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, Inc. (WALLA). It is affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network and Purdue Extended Campus.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of WALLA shall be to offer opportunities for intellectual stimulation, rewarding cultural and social activities, and personal growth.

ARTICLE III – PARTICIPANTS

1. Participation shall be open to persons 50 years of age and older. There are no educational prerequisites beyond the desire to continue learning.
2. The WALLA participation year shall run from May 1 through April 30 of the following year.
3. The Board of Directors shall establish class registration fees for participants.
4. Class registrants have the following benefits: participating in special events, becoming a member of the Board of Directors, serving on committees, and voting at the Annual Meeting.
5. A special participants' meeting may be called upon written request to the President by ten participants in which the reason for the special meeting is clearly stated and justified.

ARTICLE IV- BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Board)

1. The governing body shall be a 20-member volunteer Board, elected by the class participants at the Annual Meeting. Members of the Board will serve for three-year terms on a rotating basis, but not to exceed two consecutive three-year terms. In addition, the Past President shall serve one year as an ex-officio member with vote. A representative from Purdue's Extended Campus, the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department, the Director of Morton Center, and a representative from the West Lafayette Public Library shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board without vote. The Board shall establish policies, institute programs and activities, and be responsive to the wishes and needs of the members.

2. The Board elects the following officers to serve one year: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President and Vice President shall not serve more than two **consecutive terms**. The Board shall elect officers at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting.
3. Board members are required to attend at least two-thirds of the meetings called, unless excused. The voting members present shall constitute a quorum at each meeting of the Board.
4. The minutes of all Board meetings, as prepared by the Secretary and approved by the Board, shall be the official record of WALLA's policies and procedures.
5. The President shall appoint a WALLA participant to complete an unexpired term should a vacancy occur.
6. All regular Board meetings shall be open to any WALLA participant in good standing. No voting privileges are implied.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Board, the immediate Past President, and the liaison from Purdue Extended Campus.

The Executive Committee shall:

- Establish the time of meetings
- Meet one week prior to each Board meeting
- Handle matters needing immediate attention
- Keep abreast of the overall status of WALLA and make recommendations to the Board
- Be responsible for orientation of new Board members.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

The President shall:

- Prepare the agenda for and preside at all Executive Committee meetings, Board meetings, and the Annual Meeting
- Appoint chairs of all standing committees and other committees that may be established
- Appoint an historian to maintain a permanent history of WALLA's activities and programs
- Serve as an ex-officio member of all standing committees except the Executive Committee, which the President chairs
- Ensure that a coordinated program for the ensuing year, including classes, projects, and activities, be developed and provided for participants.
- Call special meetings of the Board whenever necessary
- Appoint a Board Development Committee which, at the Annual Meeting, shall present a slate of nominees for election to the Board for the ensuing year

- Appoint an Officer Nominating Committee which, at the first meeting of the new Board, shall present a slate of nominees for election as officers of the Board for the ensuing year
- Appoint replacement(s) for officers during the course of the year if such action is needed, as directed by the Board
- Appoint Ad Hoc committees as needed and appoint replacements for unexpired terms, with consult of the chair of Board Development, should a vacancy occur
- Write thank you letters to new attendees.

The Vice President shall:

- Assist the President in the performance of his or her duties
- In the absence of the President, perform all the functions of the President
- Be responsible for organizing the Annual Meeting.

The Secretary shall:

- Record and distribute minutes of Executive and Board meetings at the Annual Meeting
- Carry out correspondence as directed by the President
- Notify appropriate personnel of all Executive and Board meetings
- Maintain a list of Board members, including phone numbers and email addresses
- Maintain copies of all official records relating to WALLA.

The Treasurer shall:

- Manage WALLA funds with the approval of the Board
- Work with the Purdue Extended Campus liaison, as appropriate, in matters relating to finances
- Serve as chair of the Finance and Budget Committee
- Prepare and submit a financial report at Board meetings, the Annual Meeting and other meetings, as requested by the President.

ARTICLE VI- STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee chairs are appointed by the President.

1. **Finance and Budget Committee**, chaired by the Treasurer, shall:

- Prepare an annual budget, in consultation with appropriate committees and persons, for approval by the Board
- Engage in long range financial planning.

2. **Curriculum Committee** shall:

- Identify and be responsive to curriculum interests of participants
- Plan and carry out the curriculum
- Provide the Publicity Committee with appropriate information
- Evaluate and make changes, as needed, in the curriculum

- Determine the needs and reserve classroom space accordingly
- Secure fall and spring luncheon speakers
- Submit an annual budget to the Finance and Budget Committee for approval.

3. **Special Events Committee** shall:

- Plan and provide social and recreational events
- Be responsible for hosts and hostesses and for refreshments, as appropriate
- Submit an annual budget to the Finance and Budget Committee for approval.

4. **Publicity Committee** shall:

- Prepare and disseminate information, supplied by committees, concerning the purpose and programs of WALLA to potential participants, supporting groups, and the general public
- Prepare a bi-monthly newsletter to be mailed to participants and posted on the WALLA Web site
- Prepare additional publications as appropriate
- Submit an annual budget to the Finance and Budget Committee for approval.

5. **Programming Committee** shall:

- Oversee the development, organization, and implementation of all WALLA learning and enrichment activities that normally occur outside the traditional fall and spring WALLA semesters
- Monitor program planning expenses to be reimbursed
- Work in parallel and coordinate activities with the standing Curriculum Committee
- Make monthly and annual reports to the Board
- Submit an annual budget to the Finance and Budget Committee for approval.

6. **Audio Visual (AV) Committee** shall:

- Purchase, or otherwise acquire, with Board approval, AV equipment and supplies to accommodate the needs of WALLA courses and programs
- Develop and provide training for new committee members in the setup and operation of AV equipment for WALLA programs and events
- Prepare an AV equipment line-item request for the annual budget to cover anticipated expenses for new AV equipment, supplies, maintenance, and repairs as needed
- Maintain an AV equipment inventory record in the WALLA office.

7. **Office Advisory Committee** shall:

- Maintain office volunteer schedule
- Maintain the WALLA database that includes historical data of participation, and paper and digital copies of WALLA newsletters
- Maintain office supply needs

- d. Participate in the upkeep of the office organization, attractiveness and cleanliness
- e. Submit an annual budget to the Finance and Budget Committee.

8. Audit Committee shall:

- a. Be appointed by the President and shall review the financial transactions consummated by the treasurer on an annual basis
- b. The report shall be submitted to the Board for inclusion in the Annual Report.

ARTICLE VII- ANNUAL MEETING

1. The Vice President shall determine the date of the WALLA Annual Meeting.
2. Those present shall constitute a quorum.
3. The Board of Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.
4. A special meeting may be called by the President, the purpose of which shall be stated in the call. A two-week notification shall be given prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII-AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the participants present at the Annual Meeting. Amendments shall be proposed only by the Board and must be submitted in writing to the participants at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE IX-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

Approved at Annual Meeting 05/04/2012

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